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SUBJECT: Garden Tips Brought Up to Date....Information from the United States Department of Agriculture's Victory Garden Headquarters

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April is a busy month for gardeners. We might even say...as goes April..... so goes the summer garden. That's why it'd be a good idea to review some of the tips we've gotten from the garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. So let's have a quiz to check up on ourselves.

First question. Are you plowing or spading or cultivating your garden only when the soil is dry enough to crumble in your hand after you've squeezed it?

Next. Are you planting seeds, roots and tubers only deep enough to be sure they're in moist soil and they're safe from being splashed out by April showers?

All right. Here's a third question. Are you watching the seed as you plant them? Not getting them too thick? And as the plants come up...are you thinning them out if they need it?

Fourth. When you spread fertilizer or strong manure, do you make sure none of it actually touches the seed or plants?

Fifth. Have you already gotten the insecticides you're going to need? And is your equipment in shape to use the insecticides at the first sign of trouble?

If you can answer yes to these five questions, you're doing the best that can be done for a good garden.

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